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LETTER FROM BISHOP BEVAN.

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April 23rd, 1946.

Dear Friends of the Diocese,

It has been a great joy to meet many of you while I have been at home these few months. There are others too whom I hope to meet in the next few months before my return. No date is fixed yet, but I am still hoping to be back in China by the end of September or the beginning of October.

The past few months have seen a good deal of work done on Sundays and some other meetings I have been able to take during the week, though I have got a good deal of rest too with my family in the country. The next few months from May to July, every Sunday is booked excepting Whit-Sunday, which I am keeping free to spend with our girls as it is their half-term holiday.

We still have no settled residence, but the address given above is that of a small house we have been able to rent furnished from May to July. We hope that in the next few months some house may be found where my wife may stay with our daughters when I return to China.

I am not writing at any length as space in the Bulletin is so limited and the promised article on the Jubilee Synod held in Langchung must be included. May God help you in praying for His work in West China.

Yours in Christ's Service,
K. G. BEVAN, Bishop.

LETTER FROM BISHOP MAXWELL.

Venars,

Nutfield,

Surrey.

April 18th, 1946.

Dear Friends of West China,

It was a delightful experience for Grace and me to meet so many of you at the D.A.W.C. Meetings on April 3rd and to sit down to a Chinese meal with twenty-one C.M.S. missionaries from W. China on that day. A cable of good wishes from the latter was sent to Bishop and Mrs. Song and I am going to try and convey to the Chinese in the W. Szechwan Diocese something of your sustained interest in and enthusiasm for the work, as evinced in these meetings. It will be an inspiration and encouragement to them. Thanks are specially due to Miss F. Hughes-Hallett for the amount of hard work which she put into the organising of the meetings, and to the Rev. A. H. Wilkinson for his able chairmanship.

Deputation work in England is quite as interesting as the work involved in a tour of the Diocese in China. It is certainly more varied and sometimes quite as strenuous. In the Liverpool area, for instance, I found myself sleeping in sixteen different beds on eighteen consecutive nights. This is the way to get to know England and to make friends, and I must say that after these and many other such experiences on furlough I have a very high opinion of the way in which women have carried on their homes during the last few years and are carrying them on now. All credit too to the husbands who have washed up dishes and scrubbed floors. I have been wearing a new kind of Bishop's apron myself and have been trying to qualify for membership in this noble fellowship.

People are interested in China. One can tell that by the questions they ask in meetings and in private. "I have asked a few doctors and headmaster friends to meet you socially this evening," said one vicar. They fired questions at me from 9 p.m. till 11.30 p.m. and then the vicar had to intervene. At Oxford University some sixty students crowded into a drawing room and enfiladed me with questions. There was no place for sentimentality. Factual information was required. Frank questions demanded frank answers. At Canterbury some fifty or sixty clergy met, under the able chairmanship of Canon E. A. Cook, for a Diocesan Missionary Council. After listening to an address on the development of the Church in China they asked some penetrating questions about Chinese leadership and the nature and

sphere of the work of missionaries in future. One hundred and twenty of the senior girls of Sherborne School, after listening to a lantern lecture on W. China, were given the opportunity of asking any questions they liked. "Don't you think Hongkong ought to be returned to China?" "What do you think of the Generalissimo?" "Is there equality of the sexes in China?" etc., etc. There was a non-stop stream of questions for the best part of an hour, and sometimes three girls were on their feet at once in order to ask questions. My impression is that this type of missionary meeting is one of the most effective in these days, provided that the one who answers the questions can be inspiring and challenging in at least some of his replies. That is not easy.

The future is not clear at present. Grace and I are awaiting further guidance as to when we should return to China. At present we feel that Joy, who returned from a concentration camp in N. China last December, should have more of our time, and that probably for that reason my furlough should be extended till the closing months of this year, and that Grace should return to China in the summer of 1947. In the meanwhile I have a very heavy programme of deputation work in the form of Annual Meetings at half-a-dozen centres, preachments at Oxford and Hereford Cathedrals, a number of Conferences and a more than steady supply of letters which call for attention. By the time that I am due to go back to China I shall be telling my friends, "Now I am going on furlough."

Once again, thank you for all your interest and support. It is grand to meet you and reminisce. It is finer still to have prayer together and to realise how much we owe to the Grace of God.

Yours affectionately,

ALEC MAXWELL, Assistant Bishop.

THE JUBILEE SYNOD, 1945.

Fifty years in the life of a Christian worker probably represents the sum-total of his service, but in the history of any work for God, in the life of the Church, it is a comparatively brief period. On October 18th, 1945, we completed fifty years in the history of the Church in Eastern Szechwan. On that day, St. Luke's Day, 1895, William Wharton Cassels was consecrated the first Bishop in West China, and it is from that day that we must reckon the foundation of the diocese which he guided in its development for thirty years.

According to our constitution the Diocesan Synod should meet every two, or at the most three years. But the second Synod of the re-constituted diocese was held in the spring of 1938. In 1940 the effects of the war and the close blockade of the China coast really began to be felt and the cost of living began to rise, continuing to soar to its present fantastic heights. As each year passed we determined that Synod must meet next spring, next autumn, but financial considerations forbade. Finally it seemed that it was imperative, and our Jubilee falling in 1945 gave us the occasion to make a special effort. Then the unexpected arrival of VJ-Day clinched it and what seemed impossible was achieved. We met at Langchung which, previously known as Paoning, had been the scene of the devoted work which had inaugurated the formation of the diocese.

When Bishop Ku had finally arranged with me that the Synod should take place, he wrote reminding Archbishop Mowll that he had promised to visit us some time in West China and suggesting that no better occasion could be found than that of the Jubilee of the old West China Diocese. The story of how the way opened for the Archbishop to travel as the guest of the British Navy and American Air Force to Chungking, and how from there he was sent by special plane right to the little Langchung airfield, is too long to tell. To get to Chungking and to Chengtu—yes, that might be comparatively easy; but to get to Langchung under present conditions of travel seemed almost impossible. The problem was a burden and a weight upon my mind right up to the hour when on a Friday afternoon in Langchung a messenger came running from the Hospital to the former Bishop's House to say that Mrs. Mowll was at the door. Next day we were prepared and all at the airfield to meet the Archbishop.

Their sudden arrival by that way meant that neither Bishop Song nor any of the representatives of our sister diocese, waiting in Chengtu to escort our visitors, were able to be present with us. This was a great disappointment to us all.

We had put off the celebrations for a week so as to allow extra time for the Archbishop to get to us. Communications being so bad, many had arrived according to the previously issued instructions, not having received the telegrams sent out; but that gave those of us who were there just the opportunity we needed for a week of quiet days to prepare a spiritual atmosphere. God did speak to us and prepare us, so that when the rest came it was into a prepared atmosphere.

According to the revised arrangements, the Archbishop arrived exactly on the right day.

To speak first of his contribution; he preached the opening sermon on the first Sunday. It had become known in the city that our distinguished visitor, who had arrived by special plane by order of the Generalissimo, would preach by interpretation. In the Cathedral, to which we had been able temporarily to effect repairs, the central nave seats were occupied by the local congregation and the many visiting delegates, and around them sat or stood a crowd of young men and women, mostly students from the Government Middle Schools. They listened with rapt attention to the sermon and its interpretation; the theme was, "Jesus Christ is God and our Saviour."

Each day, from Monday to Wednesday, the first hour after breakfast was given to the Archbishop, who gave us three excellent addresses on the Church throughout the World, the history of the Church in Australia and its present state, and the spread of the Gospel in the South Seas.

But his greatest contribution of all was, I think everyone would agree, in the encouragement of his personal ministry and the hours spent in interviews with his many old friends. The way in which he remembered people, names and personal circumstances put us missionaries all to shame. His graciousness and loving friendship was an inspiration to us all.

On the Thursday, the day on which we celebrated our Jubilee, the Archbishop preached at the big service of commemoration in the Cathedral. At the close of the Communion Service, which was our central act of commemoration and thanksgiving, we all went out in procession to visit the graves of the late Bishop and Mrs. Cassels and there sang the great hymn, "For all the Saints . . .", offering our thanksgiving and praying for the work of the diocese founded by God's honoured servant. Thanksgiving was offered too for all those who had been associated with him in the work accomplished. That same afternoon a big meeting was held at which speeches of commemoration and reminiscences were given; this was of course Bishop Ku's great hour and splendidly he spoke of the early days and the wonderful work God did then. In the evening the hospital staff gave us a splendid entertainment, at the close of which red silk scrolls with gold lettering were presented to Archbishop and Mrs. Mowll. It has not been possible to say much of Mrs. Mowll in this brief article,

but her gracious presence just completed the joy of having the Archbishop with us.

Each day several hours were given, except on the Thursday, to the business meetings of the Synod. The attendance of clergy, workers and delegates was practically complete. A wonderful spirit was manifested. There were three outstanding features of the meetings. The first was the overwhelming predominance of Chinese influence in the Synod; practically all the missionaries remaining in the diocese were present either as ordained clergy or elected representatives, but they hardly spoke—they did not seem to need to do so, for all that they could have added to the discussions practically was said by the others. Secondly, there was manifested a right spirit of independence; there was no planning and then looking to the Mission to provide any necessary funds, but a truly practical sense of responsibility in all the discussions. Thirdly, there was no complacency shown in face of the great unfinished task which yet lies before us, but real concern at our lack of spiritual power. We had not then reached the point of full assurance that God would surely work a great spiritual renewal among us, nor have we yet, but the necessity of such a work is realised. On the other hand, there is no general spirit of defeatism shown either. Just as this will go out to you we shall be having in May and June special meetings in a number of places led by Pastor Wei Tan-ch'eng, from Honan, and we should pray that God will use His servant in all the cities in the eastern end of the diocese, which he will then be visiting.

As we enter upon the second fifty years of work in the diocese we do so realising that we are very short-staffed. In the last ten years the number of missionaries has dropped from roughly eighty to twenty; there seems little likelihood of any increase in this number in the near future. If the number of Chinese workers was increasing, we might even give thanks that God was evidently replacing the missionaries by those who ought to be able to work so much more effectively among their own people, but this, alas! is not so. For more than ten years before the opening of the Bible Institute in 1940 (now amalgamated with the Chungking Theological School) little was done to train ordination candidates. Those previously ordained or trained lay workers have been growing older, some have died, some have retired. Here is a great subject for prayer.

But we face the future, not despairingly, but in faith that God, Who began this work, will complete it through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

DAY OF PRAYER AND GIFTS.

The observance of the annual Day of Prayer and Gifts on April 3rd began with a celebration of the Holy Communion conducted by Bishop Bevan with the assistance of Bishop Maxwell in the Vestry Chapel of St. Bride's Church (kindly lent by Preb. Taylor), when special thanksgivings and intercessions were offered on behalf of the work in the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Szechwan.

In the afternoon, following on a meeting of the General Committee, the Annual Meeting of the D.A.W.C. was held (by kind permission of the Bible Society) in the Bible House, Queen Victoria Street, at 3.15 p.m., the Rev. A. H. Wilkinson (Commissary to Bishop Song) being in the Chair. Although it was too early in the new financial year for the accounts to have been audited, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Wenham, presented a statement showing the total receipts for the year ended March 31st, 1946 (including a balance from the previous year of £43 8s. 10d.) to be **£704 12s. 3d.** Expenditures amounted to **£616 14s. 2d.**, of which £437 9s. 6d. had been sent out to Western China and home expenses accounted for £179 4s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand, on credit and deposit accounts, of £87 18s. 1d. In addition, there is still £200 invested in War Loan.

After the Chairman had expressed our pleasure in having with us the two Bishops, he called on Bishop Bevan to address the meeting. He began by thanking all friends of the Association for help given to Western China, in very difficult days, not only financially, but also by the extra spiritual power which had come through their prayers. He spoke of Bishop Ku, who will celebrate his 70th birthday next year and whose health is not good, so that he plans to retire then; and asked for earnest prayer for guidance in the choice of a successor, this matter being specially important because it may well be that the Church, before long, will insist on the diocesan being a Chinese national and not a foreigner. He gave some account of the Synod and other meetings held in connection with the Diocesan Jubilee last October, and of the visit of Archbishop and Mrs. Mowll, which gave such pleasure to all. He said that the Church is making new strides in self-government and self-support, and is becoming more and more the real agent in evangelism. While the number of foreign missionaries is steadily decreasing, it is encouraging to know that the B.C.M.S. is planning to make a fresh start in the Kwang-an area of the diocese. The Church in Eastern Szechwan is weak numerically (only 1 in 3,000 of the population being in any way con-

nected with the Church) and weak, in some ways, spiritually; but it is God's instrument and, through the prayers of God's people and the supply of the Spirit of Christ, every member of it may become a light-bearer to overcome the darkness around.

Then the story was taken up by Bishop Maxwell, who referred to the difficulties, hardships and self-sacrifice of the early missionaries, "men and women of the Commando type," and told of the Church which had been gradually built up as a result of their efforts. Nowadays, missionaries are needed to go out with a passion for the Church, but ready always to play second fiddle to, possibly, not too good a first fiddle. Two years ago, when the Western Szechwan Synod discussed the various types of people to be evangelised, Bishop Song had summed up by emphasising that the Christian message is for *all* types of people; and Bishop Maxwell proceeded to give examples of some of these types who are being reached—the farmers, among whom Archdeacon and Mrs. Donnithorne had done so much good work through their tent missions and evangelistic meetings in the homes of Christians in the Hanchow district; the women and children who were gathered in courtyard meetings and for whom methods of visual evangelism by means of large Gospel posters were often most useful; and the students who were so accessible at the present time that Bishop Song said recently, "To-day I don't need to make opportunities. They are more than I can meet." The Bishop also spoke of the hope that the Church Army would soon be able to send out the four workers asked for by the Synod to help the Chinese catch the spirit of evangelism; and of the support for Deaconess Stewart in her work among the women and children which has been promised recently by the Mothers' Union.

After the Chairman had called on some of the earliest missionaries in the audience from both dioceses to stand, that all might see them, the meeting was closed with prayer. Tea was then served, and gave an opportunity for many among the 70 or more people present to meet and talk with old friends in a time of happy intercourse and fellowship, which was obviously much enjoyed. The financial result of the "Day" amounted to about £115.

STATEMENT BY HON TREASURER.

Owing to the presence in England of both Bishop Bevan and Bishop Maxwell it was decided to hold our Annual Meeting at the beginning of April, within three days of the close of our financial

year, and for this reason it has not been possible to have the Accounts audited before presenting them, though they will of course be audited later.

We have again much cause for thankfulness. In spite of the loss of several old friends, our actual contributions from all sources at £653 were £2 above those of last year, but by reason of the fact that we commenced this year with a smaller balance and that we had realised £100 of invested funds in 1944 we were only able to send out to China some £200 less this year than last. However, we closed the year with an increased balance in hand of £45, so that we shall be remitting a substantial sum to China during April.

With the ending of the war in China our needs and our opportunities are likely to increase greatly. So let each one of us give and pray to the utmost of our ability that God's work in China may go forward.

J. H. WENHAM.

April, 1946.

STATION NOTES.

Day 23. Mienyang.

There has been considerable growth in the Church this year, but at Feng-ku-chin, one of the outstations, considerable difficulty has been experienced on account of the activities of the Seventh Day Adventists. The most prominent church member, a lay reader, has already officially joined them. Dr. Holth and Mr. Sargent, on a recent visit to Mienyang, made a point of visiting Feng-ku-chin and holding services. During the New Year holiday, the Christian Fellowship at the Yoh-teh School, which is growing in numbers and enthusiasm under the guidance of Pastor T'ang, organised a team to hold a week of evangelistic meetings at Feng-ku-chin.

Writing of his visit during the Jubilee celebrations, Archbishop Mowll says: "Mienyang School, I imagine, has never been more flourishing. They gave us a great welcome; but I was sorry to find that they had to sell microscopes, etc., to keep going through the war years, and that the boys were sleeping on the floor for lack of beds."

Day 25. Mienchu.

The high spot here at present is the Nurses' School at the hospital. Although this is run in co-operation with the Government, it is on completely Christian lines. Several of the students were already

Christians when they came to the School; of the remainder, all except one have asked to be prepared for baptism.

Day 26. Tehyang.

The Rev. Tuan Shen-en is doing an excellent piece of work among the students in this city. Until recently the church was only about a quarter filled for the Sunday morning service; now it is almost packed, two-thirds of the congregation being students. It is very difficult, however, for Mr. Tuan to reach both students and country people at the same time, his only assistant being Mrs. Wei, an elderly Biblewoman with a very sick husband. The only time the students are free is on Sunday morning, and it is impossible for Mr. Tuan to hold a Bible Class for them as he would like to do, and at the same time to entertain the country people, several of whom walk in from a considerable distance to attend the service. Please pray about this situation.

Day 27. Kwanghan.

The work in the outstations continues to grow steadily and there are many people under instruction for baptism in each district. Statistics for 1945 for this parish show 20 baptisms and 59 people at present being prepared for baptism.

Day 28. Sintu.

The branch of the Military Academy among whose students Miss Jones did such excellent work, is still in Sintu. A group of the students attend the services regularly, among them being a number who are very keen. Like other institutions the Academy is almost certain to move back to Nanking during this summer.

Day 29. Chongkiang.

Two high spots in this church are the country work and the Sunday School, in which there are 165 children.

Day. 30. Chengtu.

The New Year evangelistic preaching this year was highly successful. Three bands were organised and conducted meetings daily for a week in a factory, in the open air outside the new South Gate, and in the preaching hall at P'i-fang-kai. This preaching hall is open twice every day, and occasionally three times a day. A large number of people gave in their names as wishing to study further the meaning of Christianity, and they are being followed up. The results were so encouraging that it has been decided to continue regular preaching in the factory and outside the South Gate in addition to the preaching hall work which has always been carried on regularly.

Since Dr. Holth left for furlough in January Bishop Song is taking major responsibility for the work of the church in Chengtu. He has been leading a prayer meeting every afternoon to pray specially for the country at this critical stage.

When the Synod Committees meet it is planned to hold ten days of lectures for the Pastors and others first and the meetings for business afterwards. Bishop Song is working hard on this project in order to try to give workers something helpful—intellectual, practical and inspirational. The dates are not yet known. Please pray for these special meetings. It is just possible that at the Committee meetings the decision may be made for the pastors to return to full time instead of part-time work. Many pastors have urged it.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Bishop Song has attended the meeting of the House of Bishops in Hankow. He is now the proud possessor of a grandson, the child having been born to his daughter Delia and Dr. Chang in December last.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Lutley hope to come to England in the summer. At present Mr. Lutley is studying Classical Chinese and Chinese Art at Columbia University, U.S.A.

Dr. and Mrs. Holth, at present in local connection with the C.M.S., were due to leave Bombay for England on April 19th. After spending a time here, they expect to return to their own country, Norway, for their furlough before going back to China.

Miss B. Hensman will possibly return to China in July. She is now much better in health.

Miss A. Jones is waiting in Australia for a passage to China. **Rev. R. W. Bowie**, an Australian recruit, hopes to travel with her.

Miss E. G. Elder is now at home, but hopes to return to China next October.

C.A. Captain and Mrs. Sherwood are hoping to visit America soon before returning to China at the end of this year.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. D. Knights have, for family reasons, retired from the C.M.S. West China Mission. They were very happy in their

work and regret that they cannot return. We shall miss them very much as they made such an important contribution to the Mienchu Hospital, the health of missionaries, and the W. China Union University. Dr. Knights is at present helping Dr. H. G. Anderson at C.M.S. Headquarters.

Miss G. Belcher is now well on her way back to West China.

Miss B. Jackman is gradually getting rid of her colitis, and it is hoped that she will be able to return to W. China during the coming summer or autumn.

Rev. J. Rudd has now finished his chaplaincy work in India. He and his family are hoping for passages home shortly.

Rev. W. J. Haynes, a recruit from Australia, reached Chengtu about the middle of December. On his way to China he became engaged to Miss Joan Parker, a C.M.S. nurse now working in India, who hopes to join him in W. China after the summer.

Miss Hotchkiss, who has been helping at the Union Middle School, Chengtu, in an honorary capacity, has now left for furlough.

Rev. Fu Pei-chih and his wife have their first child, a daughter.

Mr. Tuan Shen-en has another son.

Rev. Yang Sze-tuan, of Kwangyuan, was having more trouble with his eyes and has been to Chengtu for further treatment. During his absence services will have been carried on by lay and voluntary workers.

Dr. Maddox has been relieved and has left the Langchung Hospital for furlough and should now be in India on his way to England. **Dr. Andrew Anderson** first went from Lanchow, Kansu, and then **Dr. Pearce** flew from England to Chungking and should also be at Langchung by now. **Mr. Leslie Stead** left early in April to take up the business managership again, travelling by ship to Shanghai. Till his arrival **Mr. Simmonds** has himself gone up to take on these responsibilities, which greatly increases his burden. **Dr. Hsing** has returned also.

Archdeacon Wang will be visiting the T'angch'ingpa and Yingshan pastorates in May, while **Archdeacon Ts'ai** will be travelling with

Pastor Wei of Honan, as he holds special meetings in the Eastern Archdeaconry.

Rev. D. H. and Mrs. Temple left Liangshan early in March, arriving in Shanghai on March 29th. Their furlough has been granted, but while they wait for passages home—which may be several months—they will be helping in the C.I.M. headquarters' offices in Shanghai.

Rev. G. A. Williamson, who stayed on in India in a chaplaincy for the time being, will shortly be rejoining his family in England.

Passages for **Miss Barber** and **Miss Parsons** have been granted for May 11th to Shanghai.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.

Let us thank God

For His blessing on the Jubilee Synod; for the spirit of independence shown, and for the evident desire of the Church to go forward. For the help and inspiration of the visit of Archbishop and Mrs. Mowll. For the remembrance of all that God was enabled to do through His servants, Bishop and Mrs. Cassels.

For His supply of the financial needs of the Diocese during the past year; and for His blessing on the Day of Prayer and Gifts.

For the results of the New Year evangelism in Chengtu.

For the new link between the Western Szechwan diocese and the Mothers' Union headquarters. For the hope of new workers from the Church Army; and for recruits from Australia; and that the B.C.M.S. is planning to resume work in Eastern Szechwan.

Let us Pray

For spiritual renewal in the Church in West China. For the special meetings to be held in May and June in Eastern Szechwan; and for the Western Szechwan Synod Committee meetings.

For special guidance about a successor to Bishop Ku when he retires; and that God will greatly bless him in these last months of his service.

For the health of all the workers, Chinese and foreign; and especially for Bishop Ku in the trial of failing eyesight.

That God will over-rule the difficulties in Feng-ku-chin and revive the Christians there. For guidance and help for Mr. Tuan Shen-en in dealing with students and country folk in Tehyang.

For the great need for more workers, ordained and lay, in both dioceses. For the Langchung Hospital with its new staff.

For continued blessing on Bishop Bevan and Bishop Maxwell in their deputation work all over the country, that God will use their message to call out more prayer and support of every kind for His work in West China.

PRAYER CYCLE.

EASTERN SZECHWAN:

Day.

1. LANGCHUNG (PAONING). TANISHAN.
2. TS' IEN-FUH-CH'ANG.
3. ILUNG, TSANGKI, KIENKOH.
4. KWANGYUAN, CHAOHWA.
5. PACHUNG (PACHOW), NANCHIANG, TUNGKIANG.
6. NANPU, FU-TSUN-I, YENTING.
7. YINGSHAN, CHOWKOW.
8. NANCHUNG (SHUNKING), HSICHUNG.
9. KWANGAN.
10. YOCH'IH.
11. KUAN-IN-KOH, LINSHUI.
12. CHUHSIEN, WU-CHIA-CH'ANG.
13. TACHU.
14. TAHSIEN, SUANHAN.
15. WANYUAN, CHENGKOW.
16. LIANGSHAN, TIENKIANG.
17. KAIHSIEN, WEN-T'ANG-TSING, LIN-KIANG-SHIH.
18. WANHSIEN.
19. FENGKIEH (KWEIFU), YUNYANG, YUIN-AN-CH'ANG

WESTERN SZECHWAN:

20. MOWCHOW.
21. P'ING-WU (LONGAN), KIANGYU.
22. CHONGPA.
23. MIENYANG (MIENCHOW).
24. ANHSIEN.
25. MIENCHU. SHIHFANG.
26. TEHYANG.
27. KWANGHAN (HANCHOW).
28. SINTU.
29. CHONGKIANG.
30. CHENGTU.
31. UNOCCUPIED PLACES.

PRAYER FOR WESTERN CHINA.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for Thy great love in redeeming us unto Thyself by the precious blood of Thy dear Son and for the gift of Thy sanctifying Spirit. May we show our love to Thee by loving the souls for whom Christ died, and by seeking to make known His glorious salvation throughout the world. We pray Thee to send down Thy heavenly blessing upon Thy servants, the Bishops and pastors of Thy flock in Western China, and all who are associated with them in their work for Thee. May Thy presence be with our missionary brethren and sisters who are seeking to bring the knowledge of Thee to those who know Thee not. May Thy Holy Spirit bless and prosper all their work and bring it to good success. We pray for those who have been baptised into Thy faith, fear and love that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee. We pray also for those who know Thee not that they may be drawn by the cords of Thy Fatherly love to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that they and we may work and pray together for the return of our King to establish His Everlasting Kingdom.

Finally, we pray that Thou wouldest comfort and strengthen all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other anxiety; cheer and encourage all who are in special need of Thy help; and bring both them and us to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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